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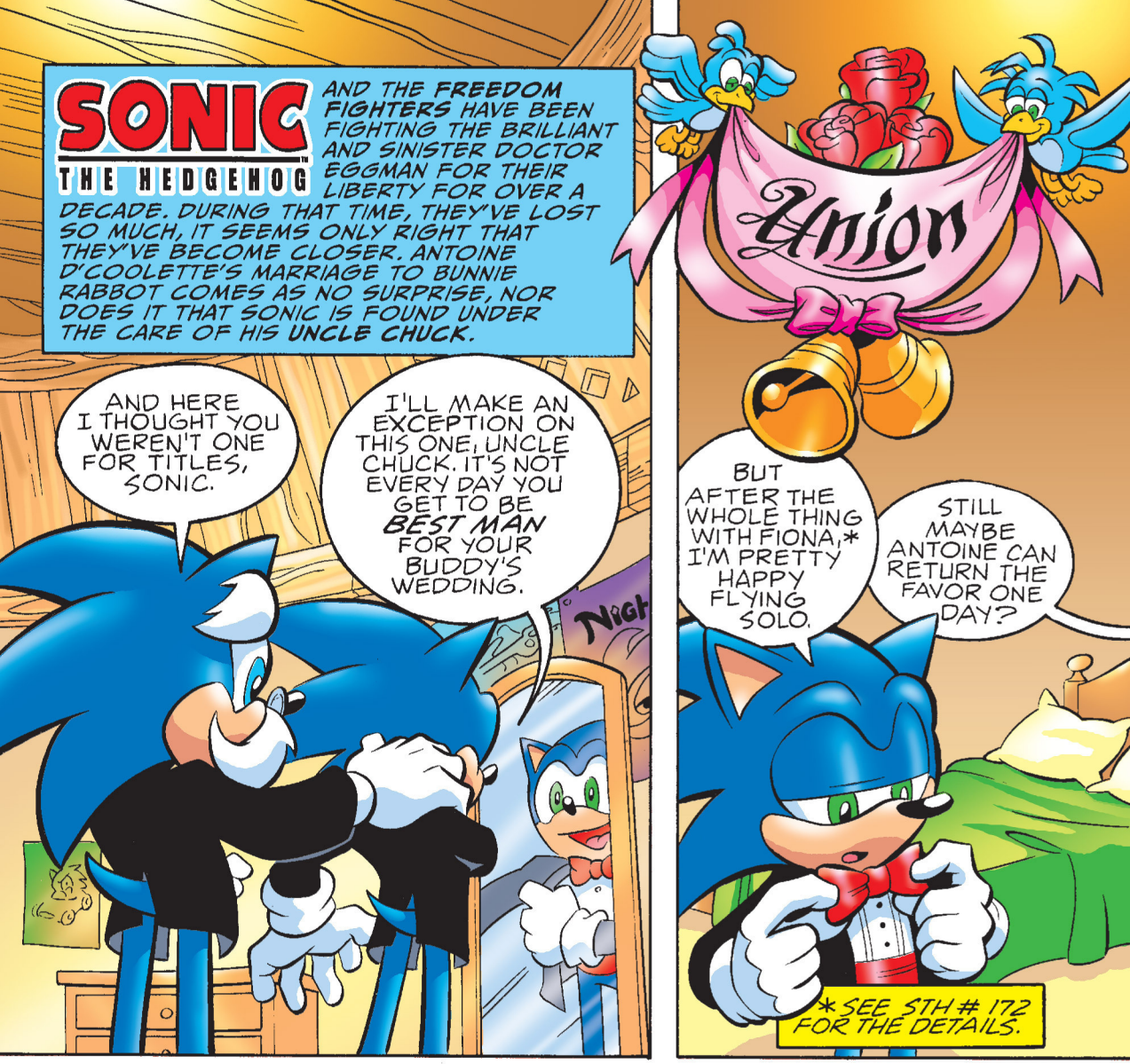
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THE BRILLIANT AND SINISTER DOCTOR EGGMAN FOR THEIR LIBERTY FOR OVER A DECADE. DURING THAT TIME, THEY'VE LOST SO MUCH, IT SEEMS ONLY RIGHT THAT THEY'VE BECOME CLOSER. ANTOINE D'COOLETTE'S MARRIAGE TO BUNNIE RABBOT COMES AS NO SURPRISE, NOR DOES IT THAT SONIC IS FOUND UNDER THE CARE OF HIS UNCLE CHUCK.
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T ONE FOR TITLES, SONIC.
I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION ON THIS ONE, UNCLE CHUCK. IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU GET TO BE BEST MAN FOR YOUR BUDDY'S WEDDING.
Union
BUT AFTER THE WHOLE THING WITH FIONA,* I'M PRETTY HAPPY FLYING SOLO.
STILL MAYBE ANTOINE CAN RETURN THE FAVOR ONE DAY?
*SEE STH # 172 FOR THE DETAILS.

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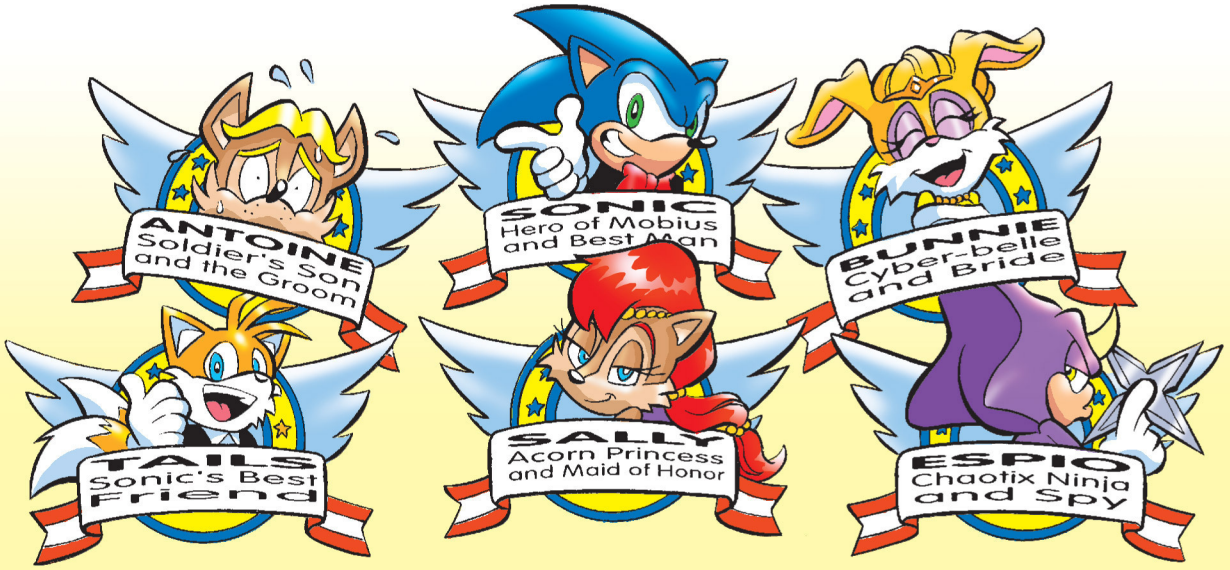
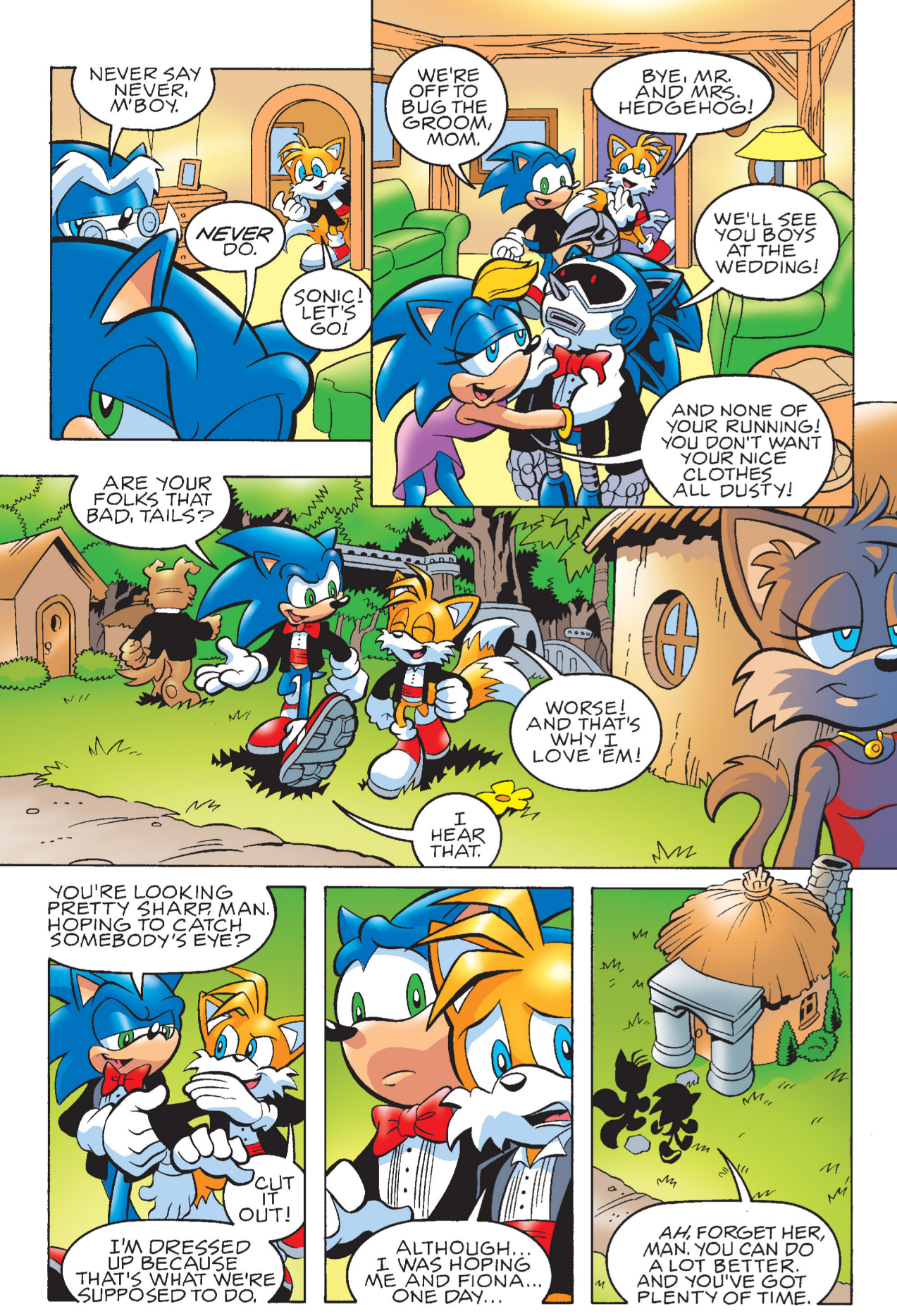
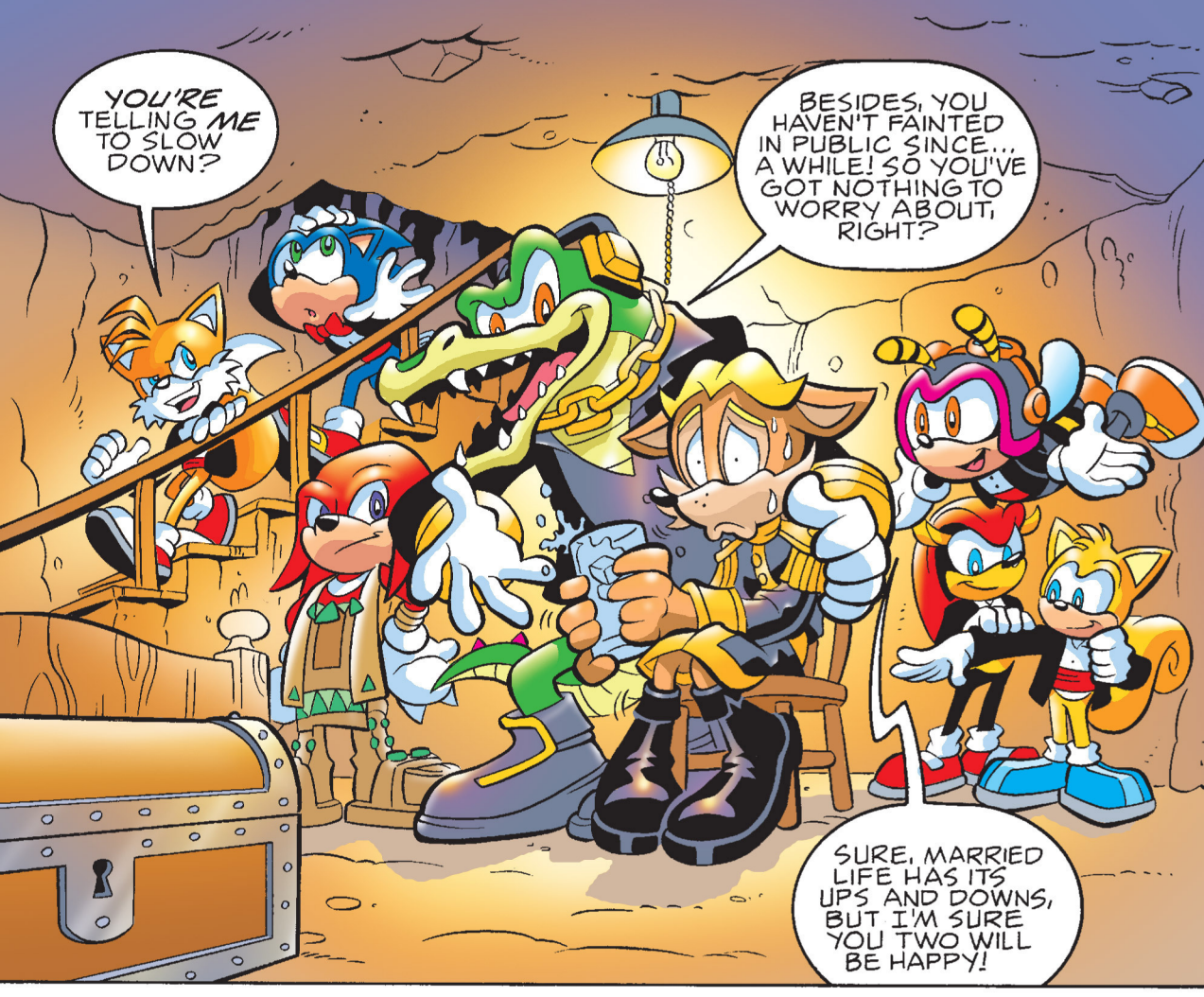
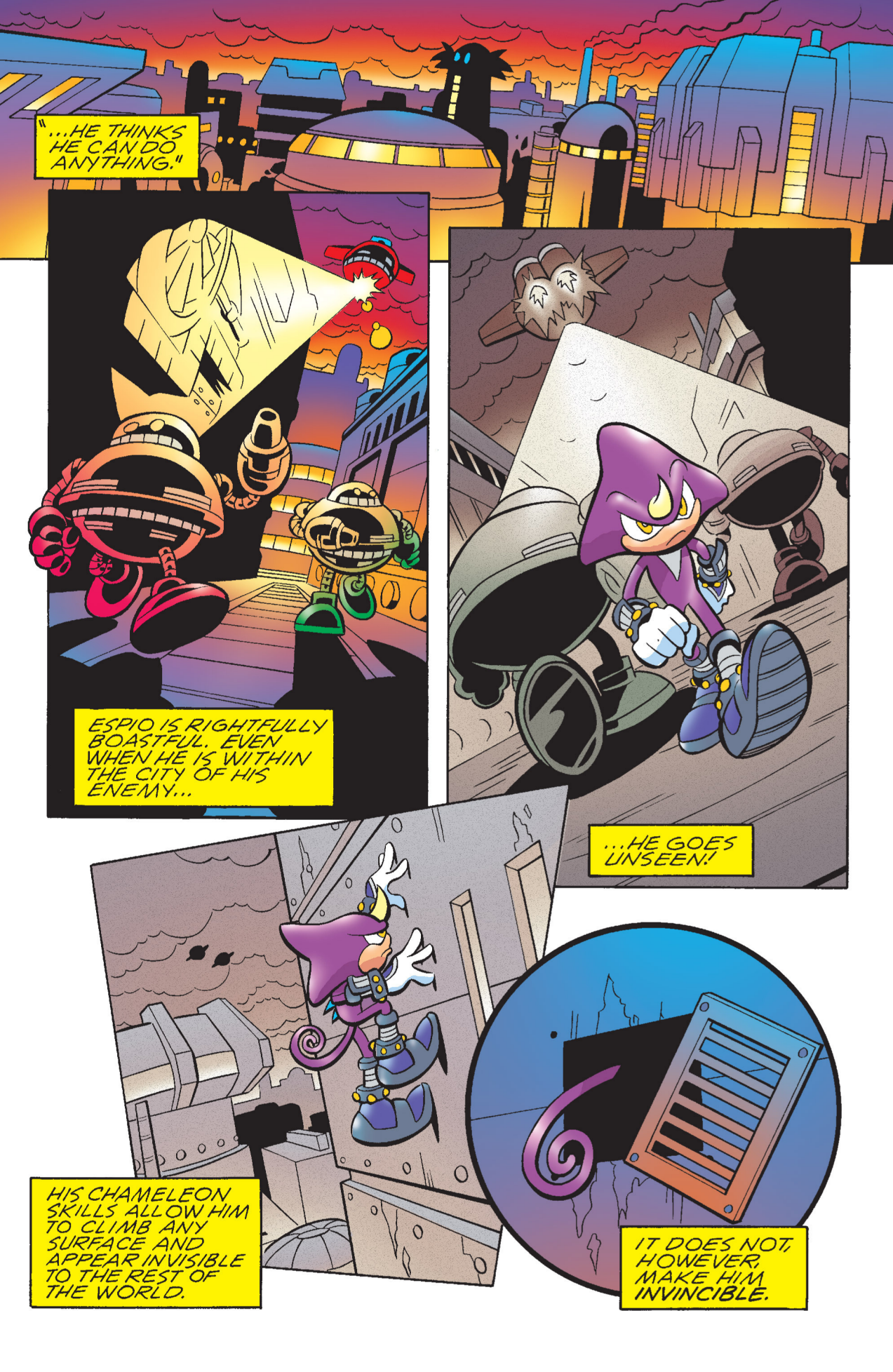


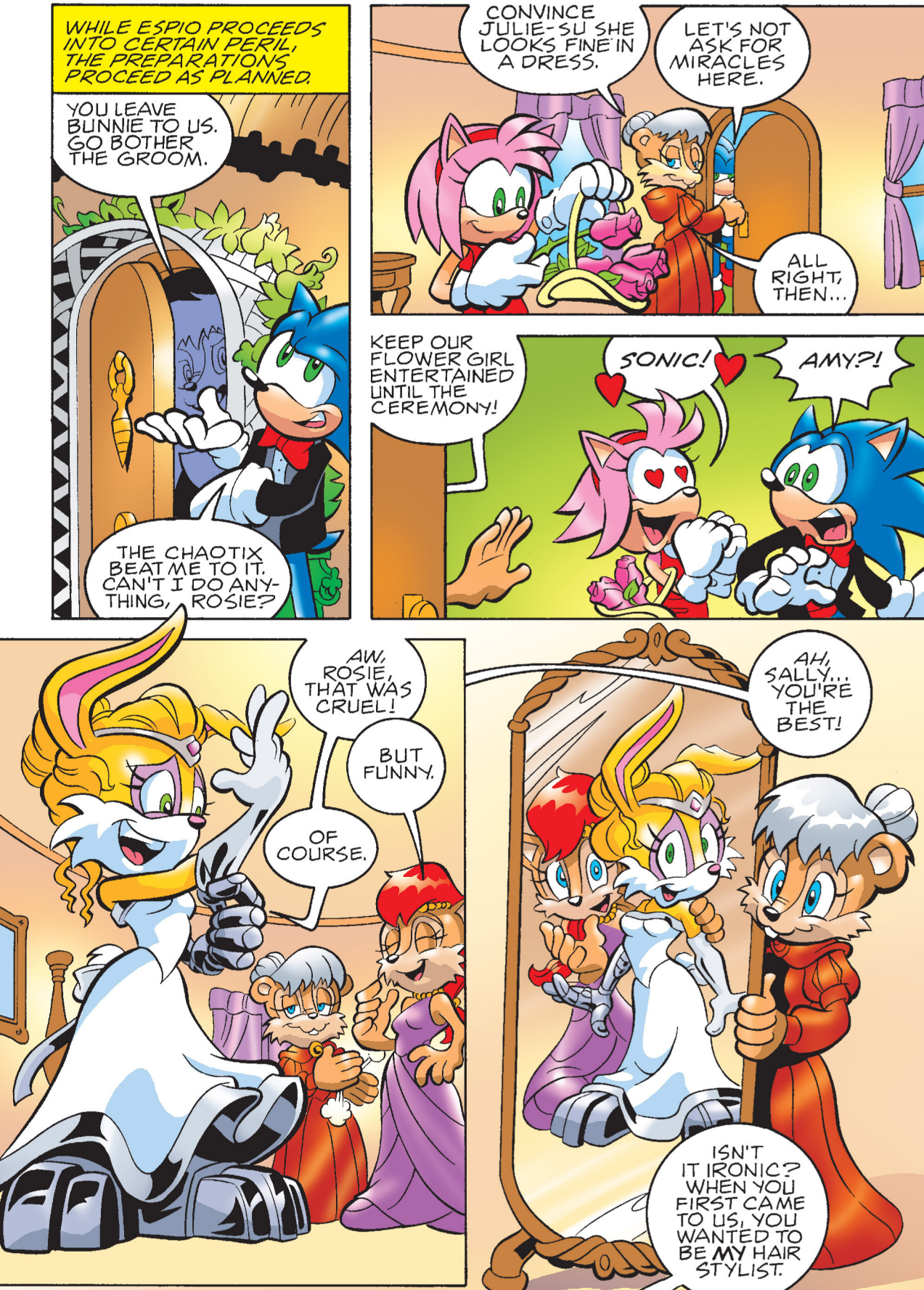

NEVER SAY NEVER, M'BOY.
NEVER DO.
SONIC! LET'S GO!
WE'RE OFF TO BUG THE GROOM, MOM.
BYE, MR. AND MRS. HEDGEHOG!
WE'LL SEE YOU BOYS AT THE WEDDING!
AND NONE OF YOUR RUNNING! YOU DON'T WANT YOUR NICE CLOTHES ALL DUSTY!
ARE YOUR FOLKS THAT BAD, TAILS?
WORSE! AND THAT'S WHY I LOVE 'EM!
I HEAR THAT.
YOU'RE LOOKING PRETTY SHARP, MAN. HOPING TO CATCH SOMEBODY'S EYE?
CUT IT OUT!
I'M DRESSED UP BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO.
ALTHOUGH... I WAS HOPING ME AND FIONA... ONE DAY...
AH, FORGET HER, MAN. YOU CAN DO A LOT BETTER. AND YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME.

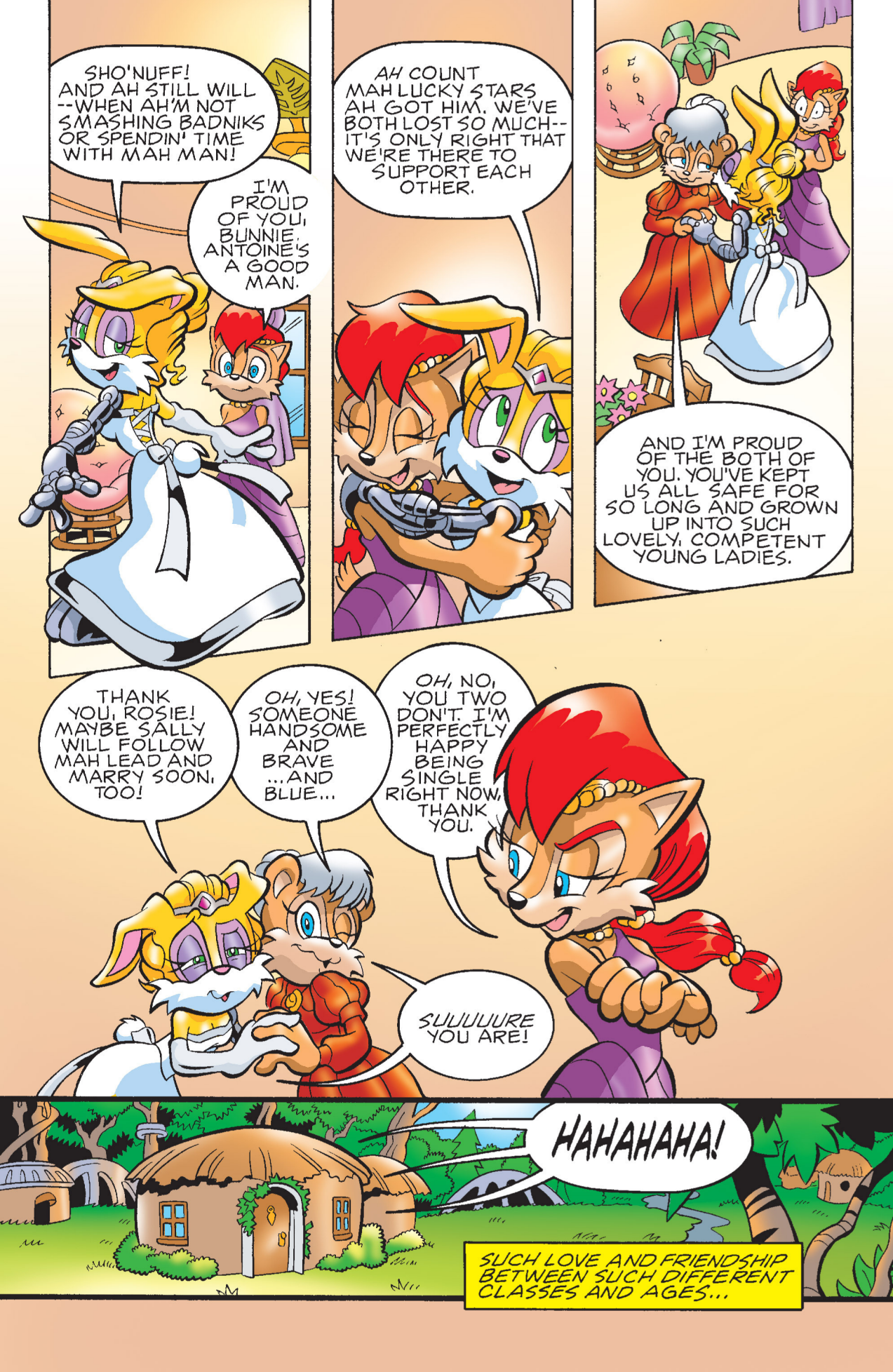

YOU'RE TELLING ME TO SLOW DOWN?
BESIDES, YOU HAVEN'T FAINTED IN PUBLIC SINCE... A WHILE! SO YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, RIGHT?
SURE, MARRIED LIFE HAS ITS UPS AND DOWNS, BUT I'M SURE YOU TWO WILL BE HAPPY!

VECTOR IS GIVING ADVICE?
WHETHER ANTOINE WANTS IT OR NOT. READY TO BE THE BEST MAN?
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN "THE BEST MAN." WHERE'S ESPIO?

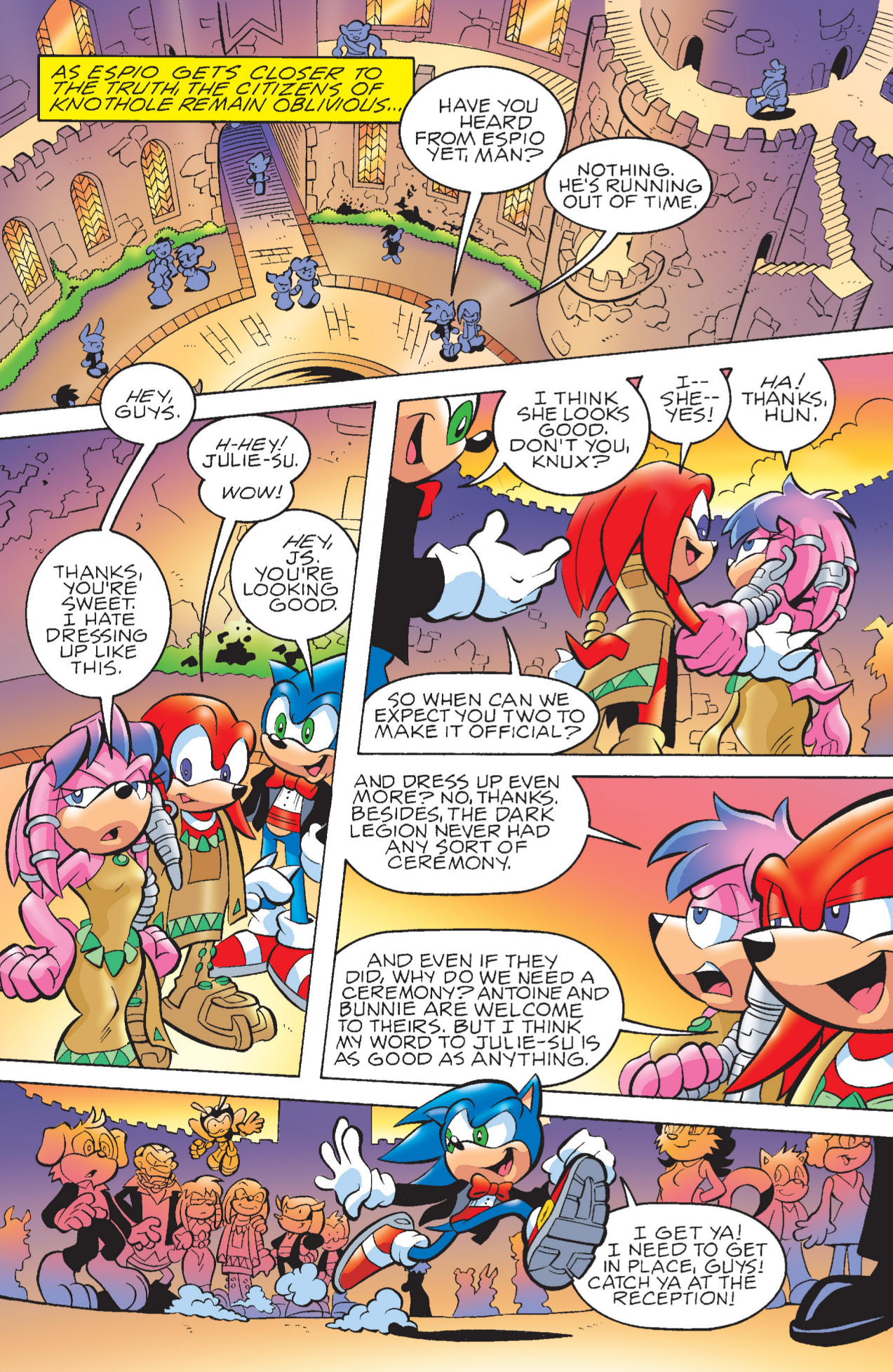
HE'S ON A MISSION. HE SAID HE'D BE BACK IN TIME FOR THE CEREMONY.
YEAH, BUT ALONE?
YOU KNOW ESPIO...


"...HE THINKS HE CAN DO ANYTHING."
ESPIO IS RIGHTFULLY BOASTFUL. EVEN WHEN HE IS WITHIN THE CITY OF HIS ENEMY...
...HE GOES UNSEEN!
HIS CHAMELEON SKILLS ALLOW HIM TO CLIMB ANY SURFACE AND APPEAR INVISIBLE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.
IT DOES NOT, HOWEVER, MAKE HIM INVINCIBLE.

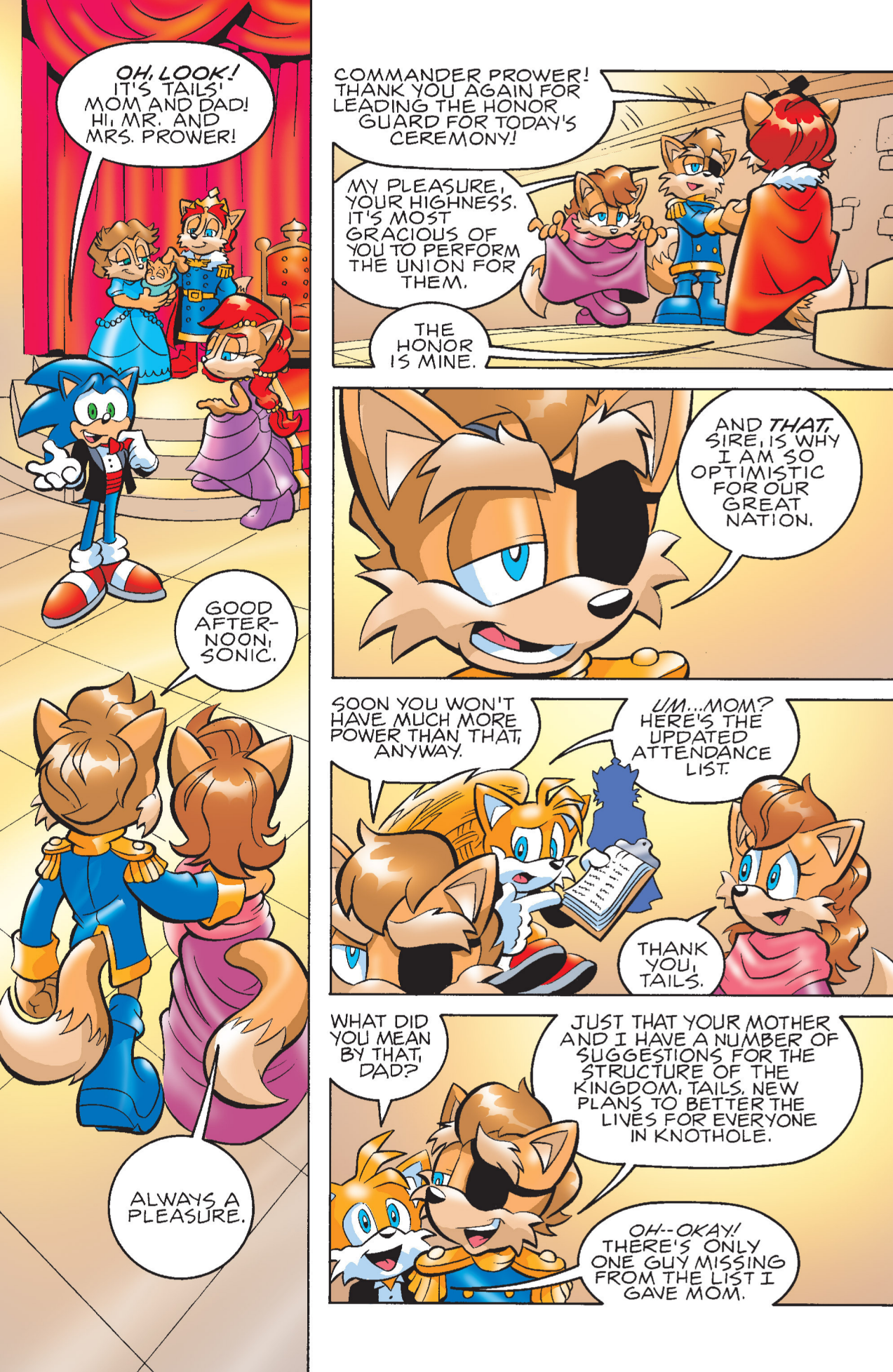

WHILE ESPIO PROCEEDS INTO CERTAIN PERIL, THE PREPARATIONS PROCEED AS PLANNED.
YOU LEAVE BUNNIE TO US. GO BOTHER THE GROOM.
THE CHAOTIX BEAT ME TO IT. CAN'T I DO ANY-THING, ROSIE?
CONVINCE JULIE-SU SHE LOOKS FINE IN A DRESS.
LET'S NOT ASK FOR MIRACLES HERE.
ALL RIGHT, THEN...
KEEP OUR FLOWER GIRL ENTERTAINED UNTIL THE CEREMONY!
SONIC!
AMY?!
AW, ROSIE, THAT WAS CRUEL!
BUT FUNNY.
OF COURSE.
AH, SALLY... YOU'RE THE BEST!
ISN'T IT IRONIC? WHEN YOU FIRST CAME TO US, YOU WANTED TO BE MY HAIR STYLIST.

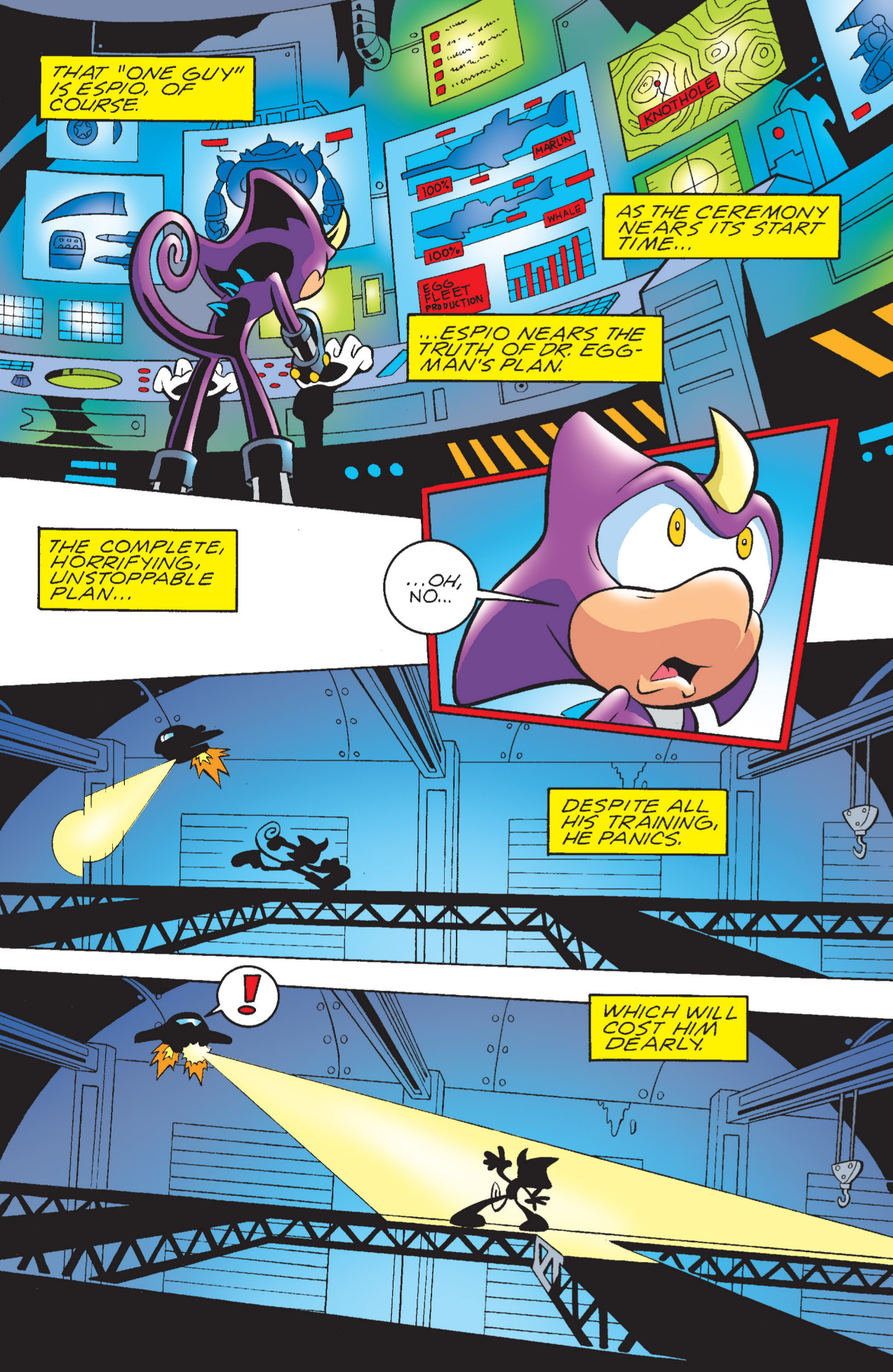

SHO'NUFF! AND AH STILL WILL --WHEN AH'M NOT SMASHING BADNIKS OR SPENDIN' TIME WITH MAH MAN!
I'M PROUD OF YOU, BUNNIE. ANTOINE'S A GOOD MAN.
AH COUNT MAH LUCKY STARS AH GOT HIM. WE'VE BOTH LOST SO MUCH-- IT'S ONLY RIGHT THAT WE'RE THERE TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER.
AND I'M PROUD OF THE BOTH OF YOU. YOU'VE KEPT US ALL SAFE FOR SO LONG AND GROWN UP INTO SUCH LOVELY, COMPETENT YOUNG LADIES.
THANK YOU, ROSIE! MAYBE SALLY WILL FOLLOW MAH LEAD AND MARRY SOON, TOO!
OH, YES! SOMEONE HANDSOME AND BRAVE ...AND BLUE...
OH, NO, YOU TWO DON'T. I'M PERFECTLY HAPPY BEING SINGLE RIGHT NOW, THANK YOU.
SUUUUURE YOU ARE!
HAHAHAHA!
SUCH LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN SUCH DIFFERENT CLASSES AND AGES...

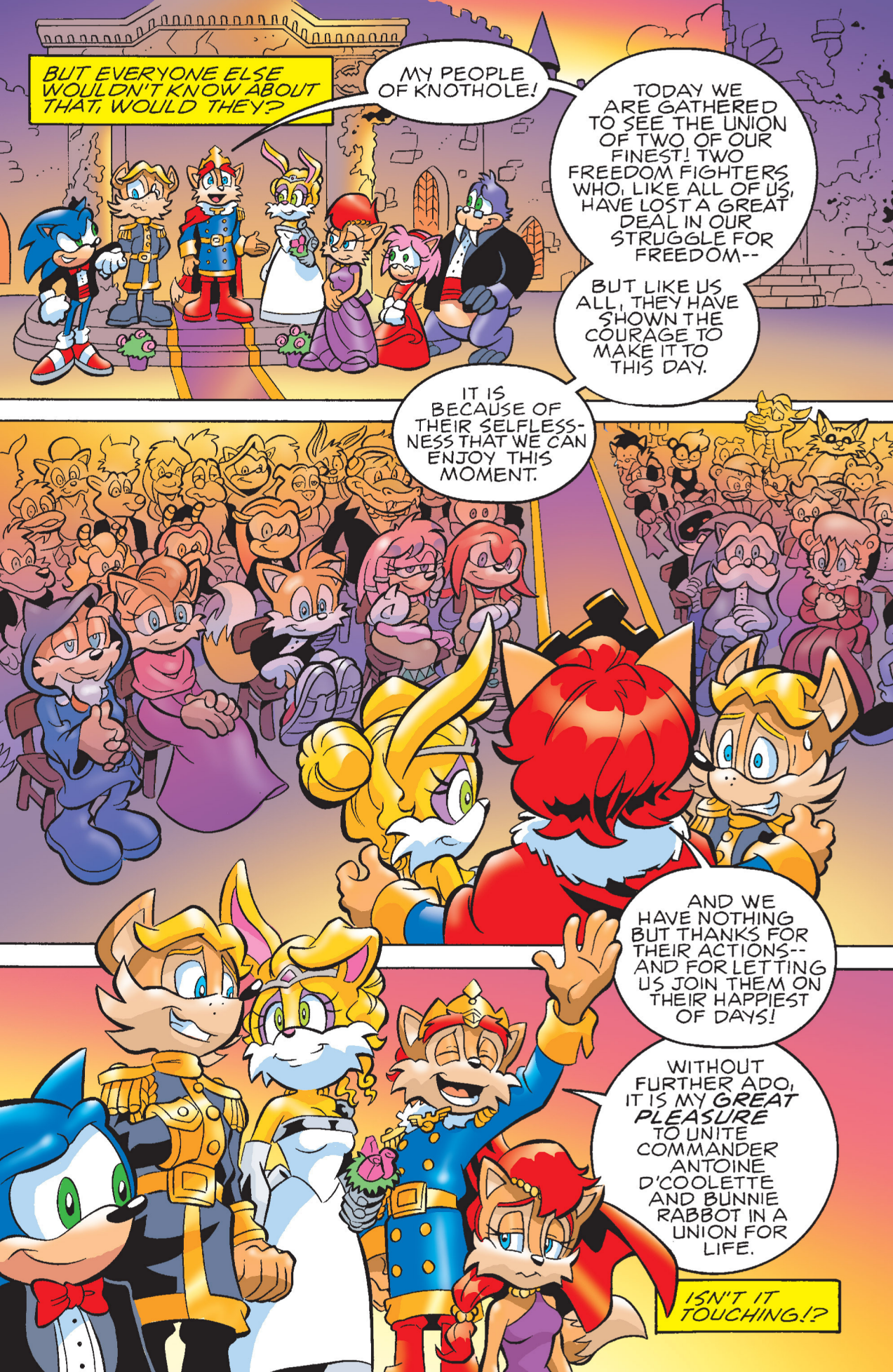
...IT MAKES ESPIO'S SOLO MISSION GLARING IN CONTRAST.
WHAT DOES HE RISK HIS LIFE FOR? WHAT SECRET DOES HE SEEK TO UNCOVER?
AND IF HE SHOULD FIND SOME SECRETS...
?
WHAT --?
...WHAT WILL HE DO WITH THEM?
BATTLE ARMOR?


AS ESPIO GETS CLOSER TO THE TRUTH, THE CITIZENS OF KNOTHOLE REMAIN OBLIVIOUS...
HAVE YOU HEARD FROM ESPIO YET, MAN?
NOTHING. HE'S RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
HEY, GUYS.
H-HEY! JULIE-SU. WOW!
HEY, JS. YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD.
THANKS, YOU'RE SWEET. I HATE DRESSING UP LIKE THIS.
I THINK SHE LOOKS GOOD. DON'T YOU, KNUX?
I-- SHE-- YES!
HA! THANKS, HUN.
SO WHEN CAN WE EXPECT YOU TWO TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL?
AND DRESS UP EVEN MORE? NO, THANKS. BESIDES, THE DARK LEGION NEVER HAD ANY SORT OF CEREMONY.
AND EVEN IF THEY DID, WHY DO WE NEED A CEREMONY? ANTOINE AND BUNNIE ARE WELCOME TO THEIRS. BUT I THINK MY WORD TO JULIE-SU IS AS GOOD AS ANYTHING.
I GET YA! I NEED TO GET IN PLACE, GUYS! CATCH YA AT THE RECEPTION!

YOU CAN ALL RELAX! THE BEST MAN IS ON THE SCENE!
NEVER DOUBTED, SONIC. ON BEHALF OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, I WELCOME YOU ALL THE SAME.
SOME OF US LIKE TO BE PREPARED INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR THE LAST SECOND.
YEAH, WELL, NOT ALL OF US ARE OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE WORRY-WARTS.
INDOLENT!
PRUDE!
DO YOU REMEMBER HOW WE USED TO TEASE LIKE THAT, MAXIMILLIAN?
YOUNG LOVE CAN BE SO CRUEL.
WELL, I AM.
WE'RE NOT TEASING!
IT'S BORDERLINE TREASON, OTHERWISE.
NONSENSE, SONIC. THE CROWN RECOGNIZES YOUR SERVICE. YOU'RE PRACTICALLY FAMILY-- AND ALMOST WERE AT ONE POINT.
HEH, YEAH-- BUT THAT SEEMS LIKE FOREVER AGO...
ER...
YES...


OH, LOOK! IT'S TAILS' MOM AND DAD! HI, MR. AND MRS. PROWER!
GOOD AFTER-NOON, SONIC.
ALWAYS A PLEASURE.
COMMANDER PROWER! THANK YOU AGAIN FOR LEADING THE HONOR GUARD FOR TODAY'S CEREMONY!
MY PLEASURE, YOUR HIGHNESS. IT'S MOST GRACIOUS OF YOU TO PERFORM THE UNION FOR THEM.
THE HONOR IS MINE.
AND THAT, SIRE, IS WHY I AM SO OPTIMISTIC FOR OUR GREAT NATION.
SOON YOU WON'T HAVE MUCH MORE POWER THAN THAT, ANYWAY.
UM...MOM? HERE'S THE UPDATED ATTENDANCE LIST.
THANK YOU, TAILS.
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT, DAD?
JUST THAT YOUR MOTHER AND I HAVE A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS FOR THE STRUCTURE OF THE KINGDOM, TAILS, NEW PLANS TO BETTER THE LIVES FOR EVERYONE IN KNOTHOLE.
OH--OKAY! THERE'S ONLY ONE GUY MISSING FROM THE LIST I GAVE MOM.


THAT "ONE GUY" IS ESPIO, OF COURSE.
KNOTHOLE
MARLIN
100%
WHALE
100%
EGG FLEET PRODUCTION
AS THE CEREMONY NEARS ITS START TIME...
...ESPIO NEARS THE TRUTH OF DR. EGG-MAN'S PLAN.
THE COMPLETE, HORRIFYING, UNSTOPPABLE PLAN...
...OH, NO...
DESPITE ALL HIS TRAINING, HE PANICS.
!
WHICH WILL COST HIM DEARLY.


BUT EVERYONE ELSE WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, WOULD THEY?
MY PEOPLE OF KNOTHOLE!
TODAY WE ARE GATHERED TO SEE THE UNION OF TWO OF OUR FINEST! TWO FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO, LIKE ALL OF US, HAVE LOST A GREAT DEAL IN OUR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM--
BUT LIKE US ALL, THEY HAVE SHOWN THE COURAGE TO MAKE IT TO THIS DAY.
IT IS BECAUSE OF THEIR SELFLESS-NESS THAT WE CAN ENJOY THIS MOMENT.
AND WE HAVE NOTHING BUT THANKS FOR THEIR ACTIONS-- AND FOR LETTING US JOIN THEM ON THEIR HAPPIEST OF DAYS!
WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO UNITE COMMANDER ANTOINE D'COOLETTE AND BUNNIE RABBOT IN A UNION FOR LIFE.
ISN'T IT TOUCHING!?

I'M SURE ESPIO WOULD THINK SO.
IF HE WASN'T RUNNING FOR HIS LIFE, THAT IS.
BUT IT SERVES HIM RIGHT!

W-W-WITH TH-THIS RING, I-I-I TH-THEE WED!
WITH THIS R-RING, AH THEE WED.
I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU HUSBAND AND WIFE!

AND WHILE KNOTHOLE CELEBRATES ONE OF ITS HAPPIEST DAYS...

...ESPIO IS EXPERIENCING HIS LAST.
I'VE SEEN YOUR PLANS. I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO.
IT WILL NEVER WORK. THEY'LL SEE YOU COMING. THEY'LL RESCUE ME.
HA! YOU MUST NOT HAVE READ THE REPORT CLEARLY.
BWWWT!

THE PREPARATIONS ARE OVER! OUR HEROES' TIME IS UP! BRACE YOURSELVES OVER THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS FOR--*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #175--EGGMAN'S EMPIRE!*

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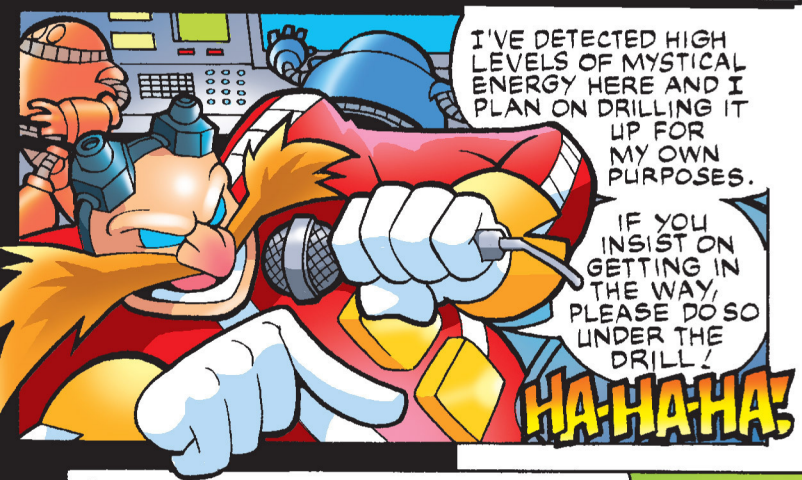
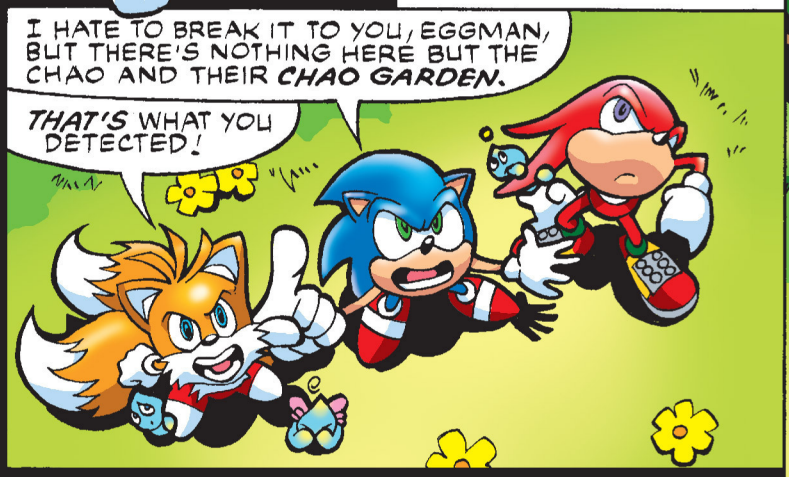
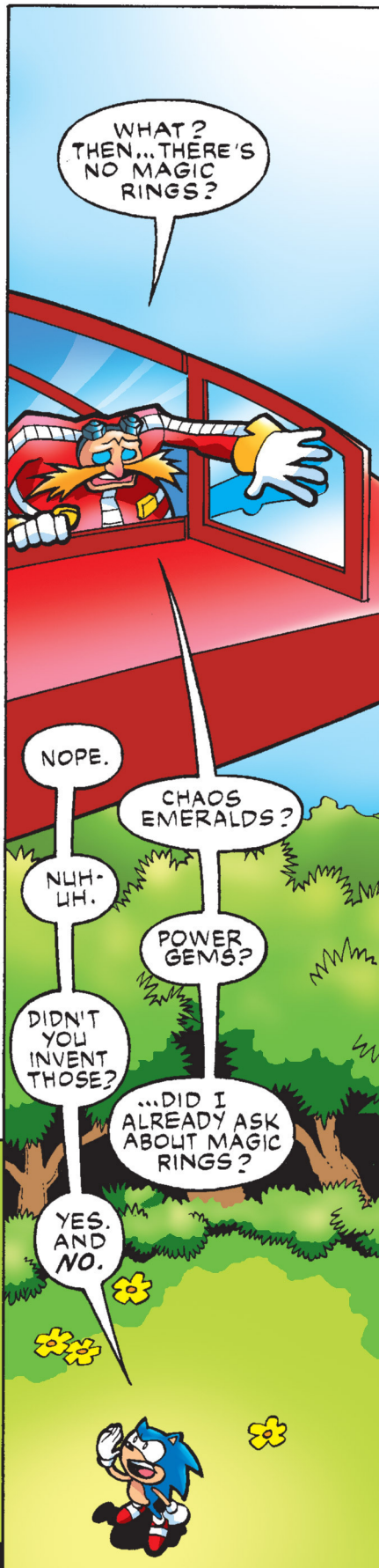
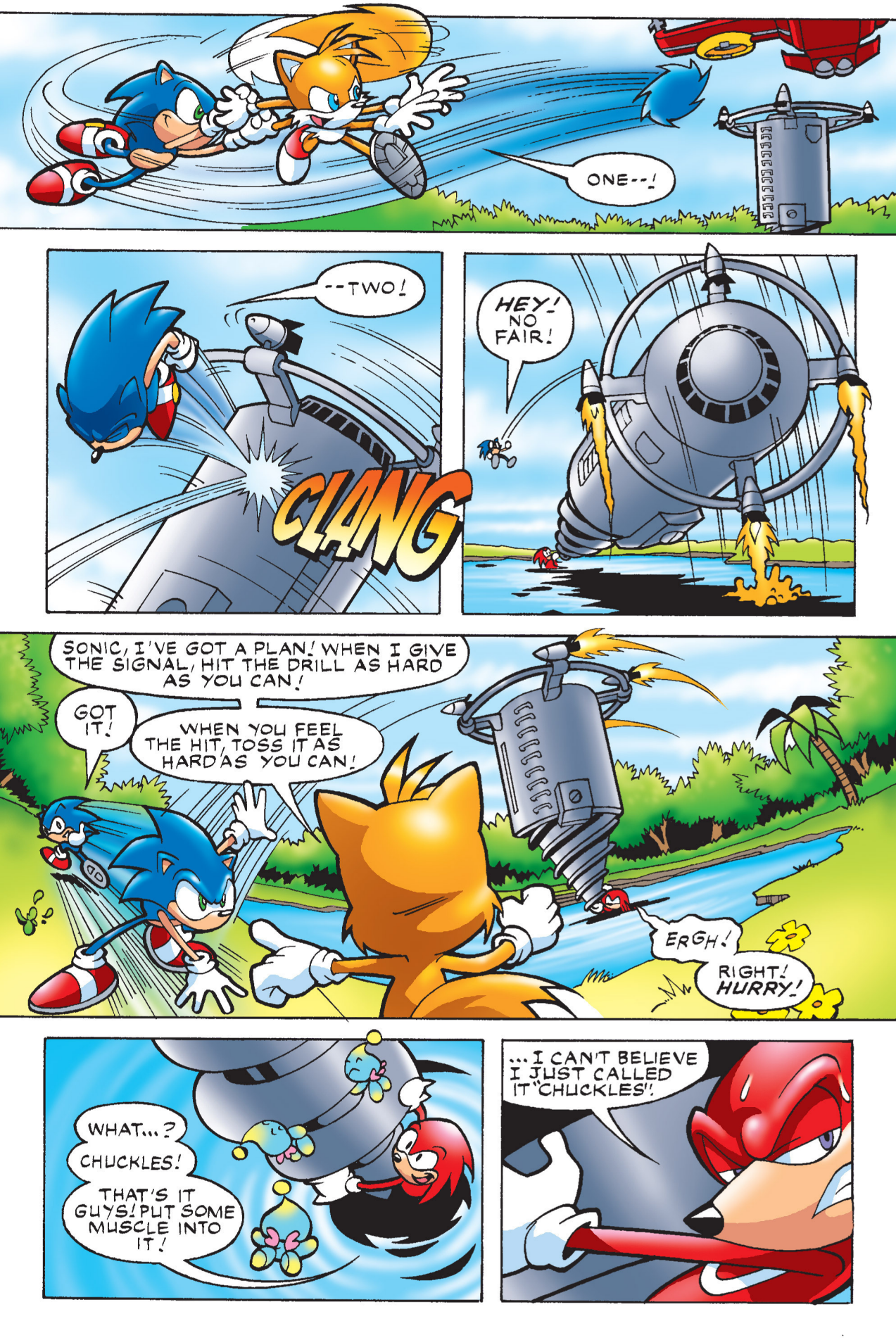
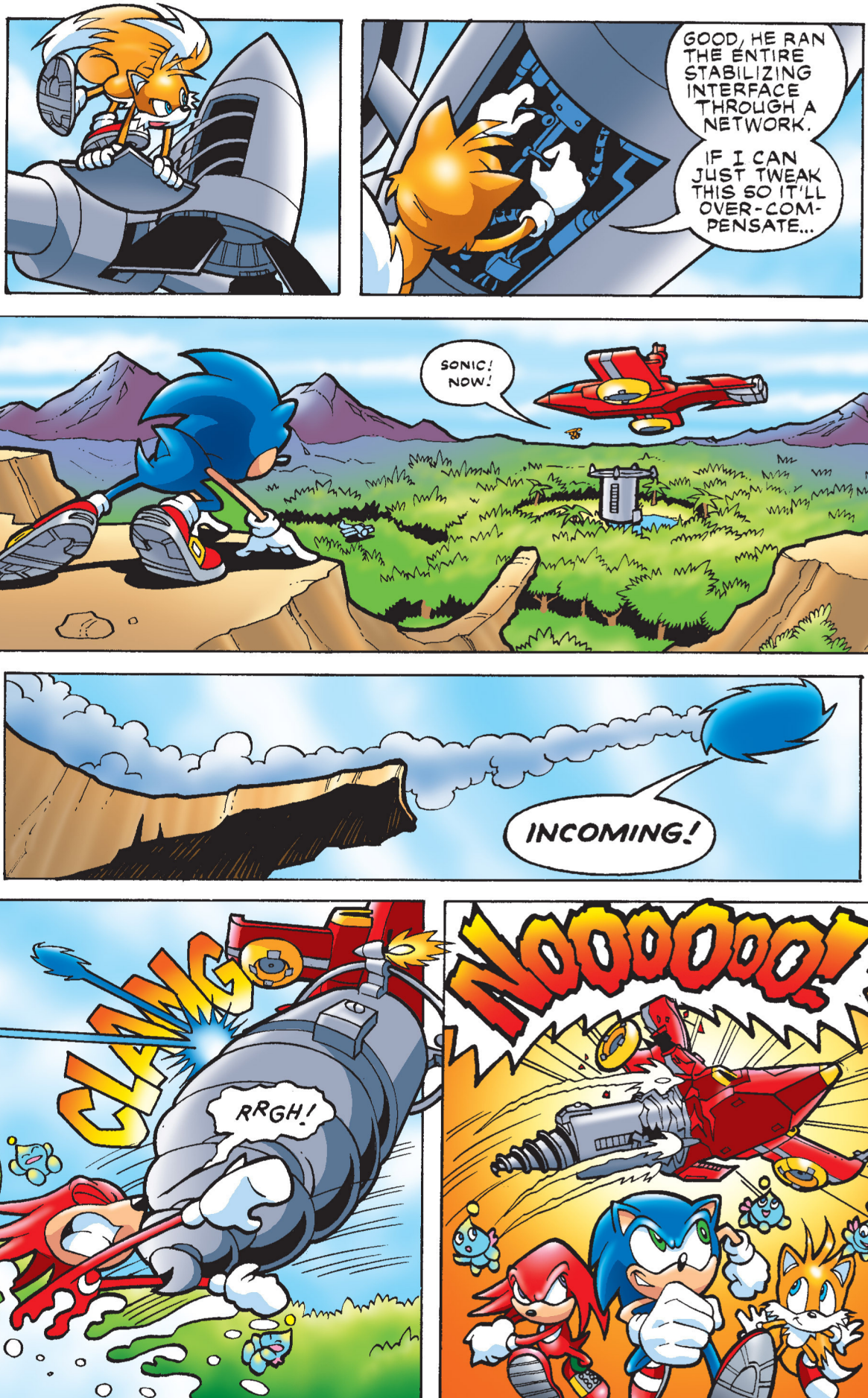

I'VE DETECTED HIGH LEVELS OF MYSTICAL ENERGY HERE AND I PLAN ON DRILLING IT UP FOR MY OWN PURPOSES.
IF YOU INSIST ON GETTING IN THE WAY, PLEASE DO SO UNDER THE DRILL!
HA-HA-HA!

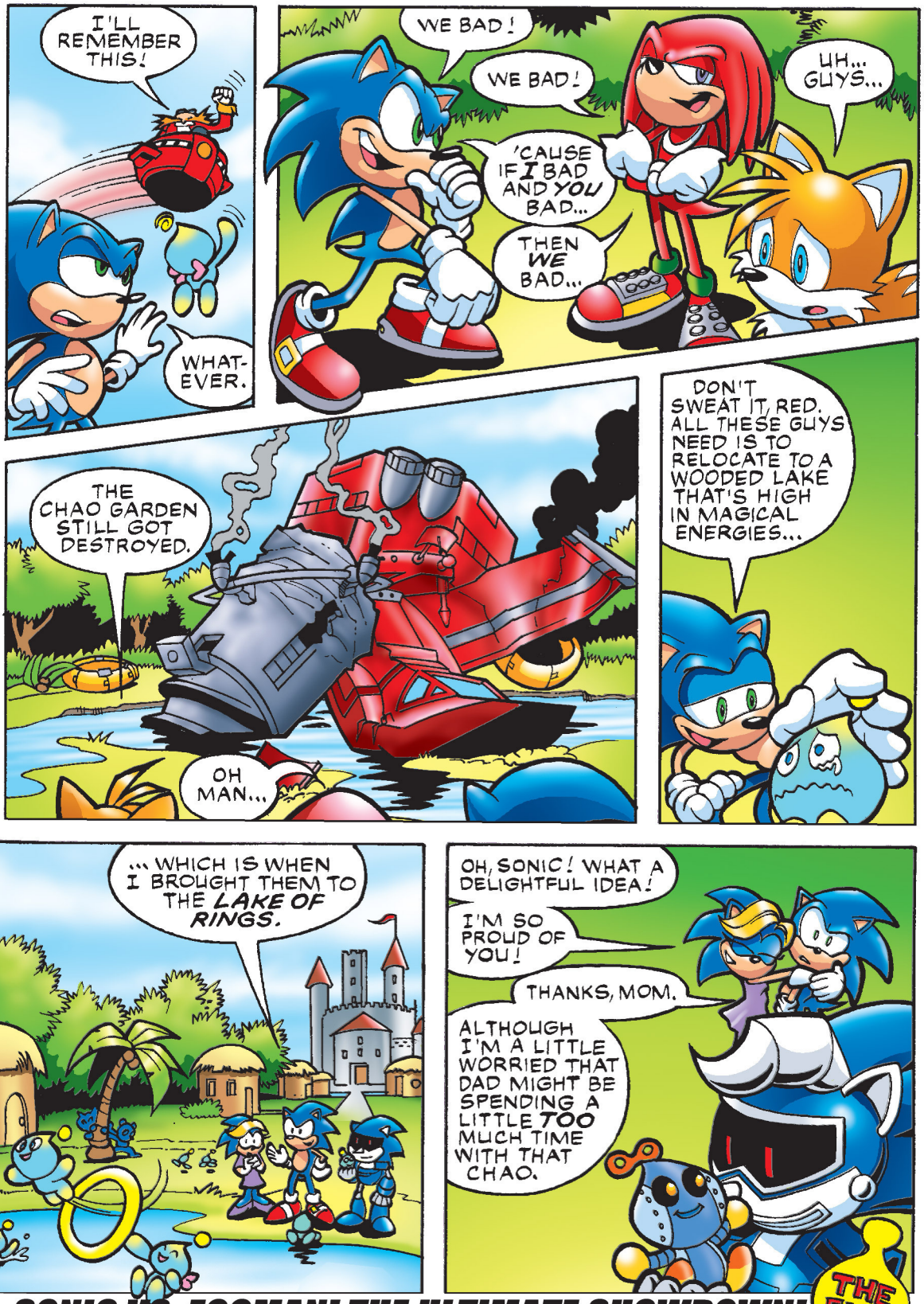




OH...
THEN I GUESS I CAN SETTLE FOR WANTON DESTRUCTION!
DYU-HOO-HOO!
FIGURES.
I'VE GOT IT!
NNGH!
NICE CATCH, KNUX!
LET'S GIVE THIS OVER-SIZED BIT THE OL' ONE-TWO, TAILS!
RIGHT!


ONE--!
--TWO!
CLANG
HEY! NO FAIR!
SONIC, I'VE GOT A PLAN! WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, HIT THE DRILL AS HARD AS YOU CAN!
GOT IT!
WHEN YOU FEEL THE HIT, TOSS IT AS HARD AS YOU CAN!
ERGH!
RIGHT! HURRY!
WHAT...?
CHUCKLES!
THAT'S IT GUYS! PUT SOME MUSCLE INTO IT!
...I CAN'T BELIEVE I JUST CALLED IT "CHUCKLES"!


GOOD, HE RAN THE ENTIRE STABILIZING INTERFACE THROUGH A NETWORK.
IF I CAN JUST TWEAK THIS SO IT'LL OVER-COM-PENSATE...
SONIC! NOW!
INCOMING!
CLANG
RRGH!
NOOOOOO!


I'LL REMEMBER THIS!
WHAT-EVER.
WE BAD!
WE BAD!
'CAUSE IF I BAD AND YOU BAD...
THEN WE BAD...
UH... GUYS...
THE CHAO GARDEN STILL GOT DESTROYED.
OH MAN...
DON'T SWEAT IT, RED. ALL THESE GUYS NEED IS TO RELOCATE TO A WOODED LAKE THAT'S HIGH IN MAGICAL ENERGIES...
... WHICH IS WHEN I BROUGHT THEM TO THE LAKE OF RINGS.
OH, SONIC! WHAT A DELIGHTFUL IDEA!
I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!
THANKS, MOM.
ALTHOUGH I'M A LITTLE WORRIED THAT DAD MIGHT BE SPENDING A LITTLE TOO MUCH TIME WITH THAT CHAO.
THE END

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